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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of Kazumi NAITO and Kazuhiro OMORI
NIOBIUM POWDER FOR CAPACITOR, SINTERED BODY USING THE
POWER AND CAPACITOR USING THE SAME
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.
Our Ref: Q78484
Divisional of Application No.: 10/332,430

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/332,430 (Confirmation No.8160) filed December 19, 2002 of Kazumi NAITO and Kazuhiro OMORI entitled NIOBIUM POWDER FOR CAPACITOR, SINTERED BODY USING THE POWER AND CAPACITOR USING THE SAME, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/839,398 filed April 23, 2001, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/240,974 filed October 18, 2000; the above-noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1742.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P2000-121485	April 21, 2000
U.S.	60/240,974	October 18, 2000

The priority document was filed in grand parent Application No. 09/839,398.

The sworn English translation of Provisional Application No. 60/240,974 was previously filed in the Provisional Application.



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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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